GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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UNAPPROVED HYBRID BT COTTON SEEDS IN GUJARAT
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that the market in Gujarat are being flooded by unapproved hybrid Bt. Cotton seeds; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The Government of Gujarat has been advised to take appropriate action against themanufacturers of spurious Bt. cotton seeds under the Rules for the Manufacture, Use/Import/Exportand Storage of Hazardous Micro Organisms/Genetically Engineered Organisms or Cells, 1989 under Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 and the seeds legislation.